

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-13 (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A dried emulsion comprising a matrix and a liquid hydrophobic phase,
wherein said liquid hydrophobic phase is dispersed in said matrix, and
said matrix comprises at least 50% by weight of comprising a water-soluble or water-dispersible polymer ~~and having dispersed therein a liquid hydrophobic phase,~~

further wherein:

the water-soluble or water-dispersible polymer ~~comprised in the matrix~~ comprises a water-soluble or water-dispersible block copolymer comprising one or more hydrophilic blocks A and one or more ~~hydrophilic~~ hydrophobic blocks B, said block copolymer being alone or in a mixture with another water-soluble or water-dispersible polymer[~~[,]~~]; and

the weight ratio ~~between~~ of the hydrophobic phase ~~and to~~ the matrix is greater than 50/50[~~[,]~~]; ~~optionally greater than 70/30, optionally greater than 80/20, and~~

~~the matrix comprises at least 50% by weight of the water-soluble or water-dispersible polymer.~~

15. (Currently Amended) The dried emulsion of ~~the preceding~~ claim 14, further comprising an emulsifier compound.

16. (Previously Presented) The dried emulsion of claim 14, wherein the matrix comprises at least 80% by weight of water-soluble or water-dispersible polymer.

17. (Currently Amended) The dried emulsion of ~~dried emulsion of~~ claim 14, wherein the matrix comprises not more than 20%, ~~optionally not more than 10%~~, by weight of a salt.

18. (Currently Amended) The dried emulsion of claim 14, wherein the hydrophobic phase comprises silicones, fragrances, organic, mineral, or vegetable ~~or mineral~~ oils, or mixtures thereof, and

wherein said silicones, fragrances, or oils ~~and derivatives being~~ comprise non-water-miscible, non-water-miscible organic solvents[[,]] or non-water-soluble or -dispersible active substances[[,]] as solutions, dispersions, or emulsions.

19. (Currently Amended) The dried emulsion of ~~the preceding~~ claim 18, wherein the hydrophobic phase is a composition comprising a non-water-miscible intermediate phase having dispersed therein an internal phase which is not miscible or not soluble in the intermediate phase.

20. (Currently Amended) The dried emulsion of claim 14, wherein the weight ratio ~~between of~~ the block(s) A ~~and to~~ the block(s) B is greater than or equal to 50/50.

21. (Previously Presented) The dried emulsion of claim 14, wherein the water-soluble or water-dispersible polymer is an A-B diblock copolymer or A-B-A triblock copolymer wherein the block A is hydrophilic and the block B is hydrophobic.

22. (Previously Presented) The dried emulsion of claim 14, wherein at least one block, optionally at least two, derives from ethylenically unsaturated monomers, optionally mono-alpha-ethylenically unsaturated monomers.

23. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a the dried emulsion ~~as defined in of~~ claim 14, comprising the following steps:

a) preparing an emulsion comprising:

the liquid hydrophobic phase dispersed in an aqueous phase, ~~having dispersed therein the liquid hydrophobic phase in dispersion in water,~~
~~the emulsion comprising~~ the water-soluble or water-dispersible polymer ~~copolymer the matrix alone or in a mixture with another water-soluble or water-dispersible polymer,~~ and optionally, ~~further,~~ an emulsifier compound,

b) removing the water to ~~give~~ yield a dried emulsion,

c) optionally converting the dried emulsion into powder or granules, and

d) recovering the dried emulsion.

24. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 23, wherein in step b) the water is removed by thin-film evaporation, lyophilization, or by spray-drying the emulsion.

25. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 23, wherein the proportion by weight ~~between of~~ the aqueous phase and the hydrophobic phase ~~is between~~ ranges from 5% ~~and to~~ 99%, and wherein the water comprises less than 0.5 mol/L of salt.

26. (Currently Amended) A crop protection formulation[[s]], a ~~laundrycare~~ laundry care formulation[[s]], a dishwashing formulation[[s]], a cosmetic formulation, a household or skincare or baby care wipe, a diaper pant, or a building-material comprising ~~a the~~ dried emulsion ~~as defined in of~~ claim 14.

27. (New) The dried emulsion of claim 14, wherein the weight ratio of the hydrophobic phase to the matrix is greater than 70/30.

28. (New) The dried emulsion of claim 27, wherein the weight ratio of the hydrophobic phase to the matrix is greater than 80/20.

29. (New) The dried emulsion of claim 17, wherein the matrix comprises not more than 10% by weight of a salt.